GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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NOISE AND AIR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court has issued directions recently for keeping noise and air pollution caused by the fire crackers within a limit including restricting bursting of crackers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons and fire crackers industries found violating the directions of the Delhi High Court alongwith action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The directions issued by the Honourable Court include the following:-

- Notification dated 5.10.2000 issued by the Ministry of Environment & Forests be strictly complied with.

- Fire crackers, rockets, atom bombs etc. generating noise levels exceeding 125 dB(A) or 145 dB(c) peak at 4 metres distance shall not be manufactured or sold.

- From 1st November, 2000, the manufacturers shall specify and record the noise level on the crackers itself.

- Use of fire crackers will be strictly between 6.00 PM to 11.00 PM.

- Fire crackers shall not be used in areas designated as silence zones including hospitals and nursing homes.

- People should be educated and made aware of the ill effects of air and noise pollution caused by the indiscriminate use of fireworks for this purpose.

(c) The directions of the Honourable Court werebrought to the notice of the concerned departments and no violations in this regard have been reported.